



The Puma Pinnacle

OCTOBER 2018

Pine Grove Public School,
690 Lake Street, St. Catharines, L2N 4J5
<http://pinegrove.dsbns.org>

DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF NIAGARA

MR. BRAD DIGWEED— PRINCIPAL

Mark Your Calendar

1st: Orange Shirt Day;
Grade 7 Immunization

5th: Professional Activity Day; no classes for students

8th: Thanksgiving Day; School is closed

16th: DSBN Cross Country Meet (rain date is the 17th)

19th: KG Trip to Bry-Anne Farms (Pumpkin Patch) and 3D to Heidehof

23rd: School Council @ 6:00 p.m. in the library

31st: Halloween Parade (more info to come) & Intermediate Potluck and Dance

Message from the Office

We are off to a great start at Pine Grove Public School for the 2018—2019 school year. I want thank our students, community and staff for the warm welcome I have received. It was amazing to meet many parents/guardians at our BBQ and first School Council Meeting. It is very important to me that I continue to forge positive relationships with all of community partners. One important observation that I have been able to make is how kind and friendly our students are at Pine Grove. I really look forward to working with the staff to build upon this goodwill and nurture student leadership over the course of this year.

In addition to the kindness I see each day at our school, I have also been equally impressed by our students commitment to their learning. There have been numerous times that exceptional student work has been shared with me. One proud tradition at Pine Grove has been this school's excellent achievement on the Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Provincial Assessments. The results again are outstanding from those that participated last spring. The following are the results (% of students achieving or exceeding the Provincial Standard):

Grade 3: Reading 97; Writing 100; Math 92

Grade 6: Reading 95; Writing 98; Math 92

As we begin to settle into the school year, I would like to ensure that you know that we are committed to being your partner in education and are always focused on students' success. To achieve this success, we believe that our partnership is key. Parents and guardians know their children best and we must work together to understand each other, problem solve together and celebrate student achievement. Your school team is always here for you and that team begins with our great teachers. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher to share successes, join you in celebrations or discuss concerns.

Mr. B. Digweed



Parent Council

Meeting— October 23rd, 6 p.m. in Learning Commons

Please join us to choose the next executive for this school year and provide input into the structure of the new subcommittees. Parent involvement is critical to the success of any school.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to all of our students of the Month for September. These students demonstrated excellence and/or leadership either as an individual, community member or a learner.

Teacher	Individual	Community	Learner
Dyck/Nevar/ Esraelian	Liam B.	Kenna H.	Nina L.
Penlington/Futino	James P.	Leah M.	Aaliyah B.
Crane/McDougall		Sophia S. Mahum J. Everett D.	
Halfyard	Isaac B.	Sophie G.	Colton E.
Delahunt		James D. Vivi S.	
Quiquero	Scarlett J.	Ryleigh W.	Tala A.
Meleskie	Spencer W. Sarah S. Radley G.		
Dowds	Adelaide D.	Rabia M.	
Snider	Mobi J.	Charley G.	Lucy P.
Whitesell	Valentina C.	Ciera S.	Trenton M.
Kond	Colton O.	Tayo A.	Cheyenne W.
Leighton	Gioia B.P. Marwa M. Jack G.		
Ferretti		Julia K. Matthew J.	
Keeping	Luke H.	Kieran U.	Abby R.
McNarry	Emma W.	Coen L.	Jewelea T.

Reminder: No Dogs on School Property

Just a friendly reminder that while we love and appreciate our furry four legged pets, it is school policy that there are no dogs allowed on school property. We please ask the you keep dogs off property for the safety of students, staff and parents.



Grade 8 Students and Parents: Save the Date!

Starting high school is a huge step in a student's life. While it's definitely an exciting time, it also brings many questions. A great way to have your questions answered is to attend High School Open Houses from November 26-29. Details about the open houses will be shared in mid-October.

Governor Simcoe: Nov. 26th @ 6:00 p.m.

Eden: Nov. 29th @ 6:30 p.m.

Laura Secord: Nov. 28th @ 6:00 p.m.

St. Cath. Collegiate: Nov. 27th @ 6:00 p.m.